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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0559

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DEBRIEFING OF ITALCIT FALASCHI

REF: A. ROME 11454, B. ASMARA 0304

1. APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS TO LOCATE FALASCHI.

2. DESPITE LAPSE OF TIME SINCE RELEASE, WE BELIEVE IT WORTH-
WHILE TO DEBRIEF HIM. HOPEFULLY, MEMORY OF HIS TRAUMATIC
EXPERIENCE REMAINS RELATIVELY FRESH.

2. IN ADDITION TO LINE OF QUESTIONING SUGGESTED REFTEL B,
PARTICULARLY ATTITUDES TOWARD AMERICANS, REQUEST INTERLOCUTOR,
AT HIS DISCRETION, ALSO SEEK TO ELICIT FACTS AND OPINIONS RELATIVE
TO FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A. DESCRIPTION OF CAPTORS (BOTH INITIAL GROUP AND SUBSEQUENT
ONES): NUMBERS, AGE SPREAD, SEX DISTRIBUTION, EDUCATION, ETHNIC
ORIGIN, LANGUAGE AND DIALECTS SPOKEN, LEADERSHIP, TYPES OF WEAPONRY,
ARTICULATED POLITICAL OBJECTIVES, DEGREE OF UNDERSTANDING OF
HISTORIC AND CURRENT NATIONAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OBJECTIVE
OF KIDNAPPING EFFORT;

B. DESCRIPTION OF TRAVEL AND LOCATIONS WHERE HELD: AVAILABILITY
OF FOOD, CLOTHING, SHELTER, AND TRANSPORT;

C. COMMENTS ON OBSERVED AND/OR INFERRED RELATIONSHIPS AND
CONTACTS BETWEEN POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES (PLF) AND ERITREAN
LIBERATION FRONT (ELF).

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4. AS FALASCHI AND HIS FAMILY (WHICH IS STILL IN ASMARA) HAVE

LONG-STANDING TIES TO ERITREA, IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ELF/PLF REPS IN ROME. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY INDICATIONS HE MAY HAVE AS TO SHIFT IN ELF/PLF ATTITUDES ON U.S. POLICIES AND ABOUT AMERICANS REMAINING IN ERITREA.

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